Short Bio for John D. Dunne

John Dunne (PhD 1999, Harvard University) is now at the University of Wisconsin-Madison where holds the Distinguished Chair in Contemplative Humanities, a newly endowed position created through the [Center for Investigating Healthy Minds](http://www.investigatinghealthyminds.org/).  He also holds a co-appointment in the Department of East Asian Languages and Literature and is participating in the creation of a new program in Asian Languages & Cultures. Previously he was an Associate Professor in the Department of Religion at Emory University, where he co-founded the Collaborative for Contemplative Studies.

John Dunne's work focuses on Buddhist philosophy and contemplative practice, especially in dialog with Cognitive Science and Psychology. His publications appear in venues ranging across both the Humanities and the Sciences, and they include works on Buddhist philosophy, contemplative practice and their interpretation within scientific contexts. His current research focuses especially on the varieties of mindfulness and the contemplative theories that inquire into its nature.

John Dunne speaks in both academic and public contexts, and he occasionally teaches for Buddhist communities, most notably the [Upaya Zen Center](http://www.upaya.org/) in Santa Fe. In addition to serving as a faculty member for the Center for Investigating Healthy Minds, he is a Fellow of the [Mind and Life Institute](http://www.mindandlife.org/), where he has previously served on the Board of Directors. Dr. Dunne also serves an academic advisor for the [Ranjung Yeshe Institute](http://www.ryi.org/).